

BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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DIRECTIVE No. 39/2017 ON ENGLISH, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

Article 1 Recitals

1. In order to ensure a certain mandatory standard of language skills in graduates of Bachelor's programmes, the Bachelor's study plans of all component parts of BUT include a mandatory examination in the English language.
2. Social science courses are elective at BUT, unless the relevant faculty or a component part (hereinafter the "faculty") stipulates otherwise.
3. Physical education courses are elective at BUT.

Article 2 Teaching of English and Other Foreign Languages in Standardised Courses

1. Brno University of Technology allows its students to take free foreign-language courses in the scope of 2 periods per week, 4 semesters, within the Bachelor's programmes. The faculties may increase this minimum scope of free foreign-language courses for their students.
2. One of the conditions for completing Bachelor's programmes is passing an examination in the "English Language" compulsory course at least at the B1 or lower B1 levels¹. The binding level of the examination is chosen by a student based on the offer of his/her study programme prior to registering for the examination. Beginners can fill the gaps in their knowledge also through other courses (individual courses, lifelong learning etc.).
3. If a student passes an examination at lower B1 level, the student may, at any time during his or her studies, take the B1 level examination. The manner of registering for said examination shall be set by the faculty. The B1 level of the examination shall be marked in the diploma supplement.
4. Furthermore, the faculties may offer students courses of English at higher proficiency levels, professional English or other foreign languages. Students who have successfully passed an "English Language" examination at the B1 level earlier (before the start of teaching or during the

¹ According to the reference levels and evaluation descriptors of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment created by the Council of Europe, the B1 level indicates an independent language user (intermediate). Lower B1 level means pre-intermediate.

teaching period according to the study plan) or who provide a certificate not older than four years since they obtained at least the B1 level in the English language and whose certificate is recognised by the faculty, may enrol in language courses offered by the faculty up to the total scope of 2 periods per week, 4 semesters, free of charge. These courses take the form of elective courses; assignment of credit value is in the competence of a faculty.

5. The credit value of passing the compulsory examination in the “English Language” course may exceed the minimum number of credits set as a requirement for completion of the given programme.
6. The conditions for completing Master’s programmes include passing an examination in the “English Language” course at least at the B1 level. Students beginning their studies in follow-up Master’s programmes after having completed Bachelor’s programmes at BUT before 13 November 2009 (effective date of Amendment No. 1 to Rector’s Directive No. 34/2005) or after having completed Bachelor’s programmes outside BUT are required to either provide a certificate or take an foreign-language examination at least at the B1 level during the course of their follow-up Master’s programme.

Article 3 Financing of the Foreign Language, Social Science and Physical Education Courses

1. Foreign language courses taught within the scope of accredited programmes are financed from the budgets of relevant faculties and component parts.
2. Social science courses are provided by the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) and financed from the budget of BUT. Social science courses taught within the scope of accredited programmes are financed from the budgets of relevant faculties and component parts.
3. In every academic year, BUT finances 2 periods in every semester for every student attending activities provided by CESA.

Article 4 Social Science Courses

1. Social science courses are elective at BUT, unless the relevant faculty stipulates otherwise. Students choose from the social science courses offered by the LLI and by individual faculties and component parts.
2. The number of credits for these courses may exceed the minimum number of credits set as a requirement for completion of the given programme.

Article 5 Physical Education

1. The study plans of BUT programmes include the “Physical Education” elective course. This course has no credit value, unless the relevant faculty stipulates otherwise.
2. The Head of the BUT Centre of Sports Activities who answers to the Rector is responsible for the scope and selection of sports within the “Physical Education” course.
3. BUT allows the students to take up a free sports course provided by CESA in the scope of 2 periods per week in every semester. Students may also participate in other paid sports activities provided by CESA. The amount of payment for third and further sports periods is set out in the CESA pricelist, which is published for every semester not later than 14 days before its start.

Article 6 Final Provisions

1. Teaching of other foreign languages in Bachelor's programmes and teaching of foreign languages in Master's and doctoral programmes shall remain unaffected by this Directive. Teaching of other social science courses in study programmes shall remain unaffected by this Directive.
2. This internal rule shall enter into effect on the day specified in the heading hereof.

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